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SUBJECT: AFRICAN STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST

1. AFRICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION IN BELGIUM ISSUED JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON MIDDLE EAST DECEMBER 4. IN COMMUNIQUE AFRICANS CONDEMNED ISRAEL'S " POLICY OF AGGRESSION AND EXPANSION" AS WELL AS ITS "SYSTEMATIC" OPPOSITION TO SEARCH FOR JUST AND DURABLE PEACE. THEY EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR ARAB CAUSE AND NOTED WITH SATISFACTION DECISIONS AT RECENT ARAB SUMMIT AIMED AT STRENGTHENING ARAB-AFRICAN SOLIDARITY. APPROVAL ALSO EXPRESSED FOR SUMMIT'S MOVES TOWARD BREAK IN ALL ARAB RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA, PORTUGAL, AND RHODESIA AND OIL EMBARGO AGAINST THOSE COUNTRIES. COMMUNIQUE NOTED CHANGE IN EUROPEAN POLICY TOWARD "LESS PARTIAL AND MORE CONSTRUCTIVE" APPROACH TO MIDDLE EAST AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT EC-9 WOULD PARTICIPATE IN SEARCH FOR JUST SOLUTION AND THAT EUROPEAN PEOPLE WOULD EXERT "APPROPRIATE EFFORTS" TO CONTRIBUTE TO SETTLEMENT. AFRICANS DECLARED THAT PEACE COULD NOT COME UNTIL ISRAEL WITHDREW FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS RESTORED.

3. COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED BY "AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC GROUP IN BRUSSELS" BUT NO INDICATION GIVEN AS TO WHICH COUNTRIES INVOLVED. NINETEEN AFRICAN STATES MAINTAIN EMBASSIES HERE. THEY INCLUDE ADDRESSEE POSTS PLUS CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE, MALAWI AND SOUTH AFRICA. WE ASSUME AT LEAST LATTER TWO DID NOT PARTICIPATE.

3. FULL TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE TO DEPARTMENT BY POUCH.
STRAUSZ-HUPE

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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